Lost dark age kingdom is found in Scotland: Pictish carvings in Galloway may belong to the fort of King Urien of Rheged

- Researchers believe the site in Dumfries and Galloway is the kingdom of Rheged
- Pictish carvings in stone suggest the site was a nucleated fort
- Researchers believe that the royal household was part of a trade network that linked western Britain with Ireland and Europe

By SHIVALI BEST FOR MAILONLINE  

The kingdom of Rheged is one of the most elusive in Dark Age Britain, famous for contributing to some of the earliest medieval poetry composed in the UK.

But despite its reputation, the location of Rheged - ruled by King Urien around 600AD - has remained a mystery for centuries.

Now, researchers believe they have found the site of the stronghold in Dumfries and Galloway.

If confirmed, the finding could improve our understanding of the time when the foundations for the kingdoms of Scotland, England and Wales were being laid.

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Researchers believe they have found the kingdom of Rheged in Dumfries and Galloway. On the approach to the summit was a symbolic entranceway containing Pictish symbols, where rituals of royal inauguration were conducted.

Before now, many historians assumed that Rheged was around Carlisle and Cumbria.

But researchers from GUARD Archaeology have excavated the Trusty’s Hill Fort in Dumfries and Galloway, and now believe this could be the real site.

Ronan Toolis, who led the excavation, said: ‘What drew us to Trusty’s Hill were Pictish symbols carved on to bedrock here, which are unique in this region and far to the south of where Pictish carvings are normally found.’

In 2012, the researchers began to study these Pictish carvings as part of the Galloway Picts Project.

Mr Toolis said: ‘The archaeological context revealed by our excavation instead suggests the carvings relate to a royal stronghold and place of inauguration for the local Britons of Galloway around AD 600.

‘Examined in the context of contemporary sites across Scotland and northern England, the archaeological evidence suggests that Galloway may have been the heart of the lost Dark Age kingdom of Rheged.’

THE PICTS

Mel Gibson’s blue face paint in Braveheart is a nod to the Pictish tradition of body-paint - but the real Picts fought stark naked, and there are records of them doing so up until the 5th Century.

The Roman name for the people - Picti - means ‘painted people’. It’s not known what they called themselves.

The habit of fighting naked, especially in the cold Scottish climate, didn’t harm the tribe’s reputation for ferocity.

Picts held the territory north of the Firth of Forth in Scotland - and were one of the reasons even heavily armoured Roman legions could not conquer the area.

It’s long been debated how the Picts and their Southern neighbours the Britons interacted with one another.
The researchers believe that the summit of the hill was fortified with timber-laced stone, while the lower slopes had supplementary defences and enclosures.

This transformed Trusty's Hill into a nucleated fort – a high status settlements of the early medieval period.

The discoveries in Galloway hint that the two might have allied, at least briefly - before the fort was burnt to the ground.

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After entering the summit, you would walk into the king's hall, where feasting took place, before the workshop of the master smith, where gold, silver, bronze and iron were worked into objects.

**THE KINGDOM OF RHEGED**

One of the most mysterious kingdoms of Dark Age Britain is Rhec - a late sixth century kingdom.

Its people were Britons, who spoke a form of ancient Welsh.
Much of the earliest literature known to man is the poetry of Taliesin, its bard, praising the valour of his king, Urien of Rheged and his son Owain.

As well as being famous for its poetry, Rheged is also known for the earliest Christian monument in Scotland, the Latinus Stone, erected in Whithorn to Latinus and his daughter around 450 AD.

Ninian, Scotland's first bishop, established his church in Whithorn, from where the Christian faith spread across Scotland.

Whithorn had extensive contacts with continental Europe, and the kings of Rheged acquired wine and spices from the eastern Roman Empire, foods and dyes from western France and decorated glass from the Rhineland.

The violent fiery destruction of Trusty’s Hill may reflect the fall of Rheged, when during the seventh century AD much of southern Scotland became part of the Anglian kingdom of Northumbria.

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The layout of the fort was very complex, each element deliberately formed to exhibit the power and status of its household.

Mr Toolis told MailOnline: 'The royal household here included a king and his extended family and retainers, including warriors, bards, skilled craftsmen and servants.

'We found plentiful evidence of the wealth of this household including jewellery, evidence of gold, silver and bronze working on site, and pottery imported from continental Europe.'

Researchers believe that the royal household was also part of a trade network that linked western Britain with Ireland and Europe.

Dr Christopher Bowles, Scottish Borders Council Archaeologist, said: 'The people living at Trusty’s Hill were not engaged in agriculture themselves.'
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'Instead, this household's wealth relied on their control of farming, animal husbandry and the management of local natural resources - minerals and timber - from an estate probably spanning the wider landscape of the Fleet valley and estuary.

'Control was maintained by bonding the people of this land and the districts beyond to the royal household, by gifts, promises of protection and the bounties of raiding and warfare.'

In this context, the researchers believe that the Pictish symbols were probably created by a local Briton.
Anglo-saxon style bronze jewellery was discovered at Trusty's Hill. Analysis showed that this was originally gilded and silvered and made of leaded brass quite distinct to the leaded bronze objects being made at the workshop here.

The researchers have created a new map of Dark Age Britain, which includes Rheged and its neighbouring kingdoms during the sixth and early seventh centuries.
Mr Toolis said: 'The literal meaning of the symbols at Trusty’s Hill will probably never be known.

'There is no Pictish Rosetta Stone.'

'But they provide significant evidence for the initial cross cultural exchanges that forged the notion of kingship in early medieval Scotland.'

The only other Pictish carvings located outside Pictland were found near Edinburgh Castle Rock; another site attested by archaeological and historical evidence to be a royal stronghold of the sixth to early seventh centuries AD.

Dr Bowles added: 'The new archaeological evidence from Trusty’s Hill enhances our perception of power, politics, economy and culture at a time when the foundations for the kingdoms of Scotland, England and Wales were being laid.

'The 2012 excavations show that Trusty's Hill was likely the royal seat of Rheged, a kingdom that had Galloway as its heartland.

'This was a place of religious, cultural and political innovation whose contribution to culture in Scotland has perhaps not been given due recognition.'

The findings are published in a book called *The Lost Dark Age Kingdom of Rheged*. 

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Scotland invented everything... apart for deep fried Mars bars...

Have they found the Killer Rabbit? the Beast of Cair Bannog yet?

No; but they found fragments from the Book of Armaments.

The story on which Braveheart is based happened well after the 5th century.

Is this Urien who married the sister of King Arthur?

Fascinating. Is this the Urien who may have married the sister of King Arthur (Morgan le Fay)?

The history isn't taught because the English, who come from Germany, (Saxony & Angle-land in Schleswig Holstein) don't want to admit that they are immigrants, no different from the present day ones, As is their wont they just marched in & helped themselves. That's why English archæologists won't use the word 'Celtic' but keep banging on about the 'Iron Age'. There are thousands of historical manuscripts in the National Library of Wales but as they are all in Welsh no one wants to translate them & reveal the truth.

Being English, throughout school I have always been taught that we are the immigrants. So not sure where you're getting your facts from.

Erm.aciddrop...the DARK ages are so called because there is so little written history we know very little about them...nothing sinister...This is why the spoken stories handed down word for word are so important. EVERYONE on the planet came from somewhere over the millennia...Why don't you organise a group of Welsh speakers to translate the manuscripts. It would be a wonderful contribution to our history.

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Scott free! Kourtney Kardashian flashes her abs as she grabs juice with Larsa Pippen and two male pals
They’ve spent quite a bit of time together recently
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Legs for days! Alessandra Ambrosio flaunts her figure in tiny shorts with a T-shirt for bike ride with daughter Anja

Former MIC star Ashley James covers up her curves to catch a flight before stripping down to tiny strapless bikini to parade her hourglass figure in Dubai

"Distancing myself from the bulls****!" Halle Berry, 51, strips to her bikini in Bora Bora with beau Alex Da Kid, 35 if green is not your color, look away now

Bikini-clad Danielle Lloyd flaunts her phenomenal frame just TWO months after giving birth to son Ronnie... as she candidly confesses to body battles

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Bronzed Georgia May Foote parades her enviably lithe limbs in checked shorts and racy thigh-high boots at theatre bash in London Thigh-grazing outfit.

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"Stop it with your bullying words!" Scarlett Moffat slams body shaming trolls who accused the star of looking PREGNANT during Extra Camp hosting.

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‘Shaking off those leftovers!’ Justin Timberlake burns Thanksgiving calories doing push-ups with son Silas, two, on his back. The perfect workout.

‘Things are strained’: Married Strictly Come Dancing stars Karen and Kevin Clifton ‘are barely speaking to each other... amid fears they could fall victim to the show’s curse’.

Ripped Joel Dommett flashes his VERY impressive six pack as he strolls hand-in-hand with model girlfriend Hannah Cooper for beach date in Australia.

‘I’m just a normal guy’: Made In Chelsea’s Georgia Toffolo’s dad is a humble rag and bone man who sells scrap metal for cash.

Wedding bells: Glamorous Imogen Thomas flaunts her hourglass curves in a figure-hugging scarlet dress as she heads to a friend’s big day.

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Love Island’s Katie Salmon struggles to contain her assets in revealing satin dress on night out as she celebrates her birthday in style.

New mum Sam Faiers steps out with beau Paul Knightley and their one-year-old son two weeks after giving birth to daughter... as she reveals they are STILL deciding on her name.
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Model Louisa Warwick flaunts her ample assets and peachy posterior in red thong bikini as she hits the beach in Miami

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Jessica Chastain flashes a hint of cleavage in strapless princess-style gown as she steps out at the 54th Golden Horse Film Awards in Taiwan

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Ashley... after coming under fire for defending daughter's boob job

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I'm A Celebrity: 'Has she actually used dirt?' Fans go wild as bikini-clad Rebekah Vardy creatively uses MUD to contour her face in the Australian jungle

I'm A Celebrity: Vanessa White displays her incredible curves in a slinky blue bikini as she lathers up under the refreshing waters of outdoor jungle shower

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Lottie Moss flashes her toned abs and slender waist in skimpy check two-piece as she attends glittering bash in London

Lust For Life! Lolo Del Rey can't contain her excitement as she puts on a leggy display in skinny jeans to greet fans at her West Hollywood pop-up store

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A tale of two outfits! Kourtney Kardashian dresses in sweats... as BFF Larsa Pippen goes bra-less in semi-sheer jumpsuit on outing with kids

Jess Impiazzi flashes her ample cleavage in a sizzling bandage strap bralet and slinky flared trousers as she attends
a celebrity makeup masterclass in Manchester

Lucy Mecklenburgh shows off her tanned curves in double denim as she enjoys a romantic lunch date with beau Ryan Thomas in Melbourne

Emma Watson splits from tech entrepreneur William 'Mack' Knight after two years of dating
The actress, 27, was last seen with the tech entrepreneur, 37, on a dinner date May

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‘Bite me’: Bella Thorne flashes serious sideboob as she strips off to reveal ‘TWO new tattoos in risque Instagram snaps

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‘I am grateful to be on the mend’: Mariah Carey postpones Christmas Tour as she cancels even more shows due to upper respiratory
Infection

'Mahaloed? Olivia Wilde flaunts her enviable bod in yet another sexy swimsuit on Hawaiian getaway

Her boys! Sofia Vergara snuggles with cute nephew Rafi and son Manolo, 25, after family Thanksgiving

No turkey bloat here! Bella Hadid poses in her underwear in sizzling VS throwback snap as she moves on from Drake 'ghosting' her

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'We're going to be brothers for life': Ed Sheeran reveals that close pal James Blunt has made him godfather of his baby son

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